(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) An estimate has been received by the Chief Engineer which provides for thorough improvement of the road including culverts.

(*e*) The Government note the information.

(*f*) No. The Chief Engineer states that he made no such promise but only informed the people that he would forward his recommendation to the Government.

(2) This will be considered.

Chengannur-Aranmula Road.

209. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): (1) Have the Government received any petition complaining about the narrowness of the Chengannur-Aranmula road at the Puttenkavu street and of the consequent congestion of traffic there?

(2) Are the P. W. D. authorities fully aware of the impossibility of widening that road at the particular place?

(3) Have the Government enquired whether that portion of the road is usually submerged during flood-time?

(4) Are the Government aware of the representation made in the last (23rd) session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly by Mr. K. R. Nilakanta Pillai, Member, Tiruvalla, praying for taking up and widening the village road from Angadikal to Puttenkavu branching off from the Chengannur-Aranmula road at the neighbourhood of the English Girls' School, Chengannur, in order to obviate the above difficulty?

(5) Will the Government be pleased to sanction the abovesaid deviation in the Chengannur-Aranmula road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) The matter is under investigation by the Chief Engineer.

(3) Yes.

(4) Yes.

(5) This will be considered after the Chief Engineer's report on the subject is received.

Improvement of Paddy cultivation in Vaikam Taluk.

210. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any memorial or other representations from the public of Udayamperur and Parur in the Vaikam taluk, stating that, in order to improve the paddy cultivation of these places, a bund and a canal are necessary; if so, the action taken by them in the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Memorials have been received. The matter is under the consideration of the Chief Engineer who has recently inspected the locality. It is proposed to conduct a further joint inspection by the P. W. D. officers of the Cochin and the Travancore States as the co-operation of the former Government is also necessary in the matter. Further action will be taken after this joint inspection is made.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to ask the Chief Engineer to expedite the matter?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer has just inspected the lands and he has issued orders to the Division Officer to take the necessary action.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Will the Government ask the Chief Engineer to expedite the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Monipalli-Piravam Road.

211. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the road from Monipalli to Piravam is fit for cart traffic; and

(*b*) if not, whether they will issue necessary orders to make it fit for cart traffic?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No, not the entire length.

(*b*) Yes.

Arur-Kuttiatodu and Arukutti-Shertallai Roads.

212. MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the budget allotment provided last year (1101) for gravelling the roads from Arur to Kuttiatodu and from Arukutti to Shertallai;

(*b*) whether the amount was spent for this purpose; and

(*c*) if not, why?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There was no provision in the budget for 1101 for gravelling the road from Arur to Kuttiatodu. A sum of Rs. 3,000 was provided in the budget for 1101 for gravelling the road from Arukutti to Shertallai, miles 1 to 5.

(*b*) Rs. 2,185 out of the allotment for the latter work was spent for that purpose and the balance was utilised for other urgent works.

(*c*) At the time provision was made in the budget there was no sanctioned estimate for the work. By the time estimate was prepared and the Government sanction obtained, there was not time enough to spend the full allotment during the year.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): With reference to part (*b*), may I know, the nature of the work for which this amount was spent?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The money provided must have been spent for the gravelling of the road.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Is the member aware of any road that has been *actually* gravelled from Arur to Kuttiatodu?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The information available is that provision is made for gravelling the road (miles 1 to 5) from Arukutty to Shertallai, and Rs. 2,185 has been spent for this purpose.

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